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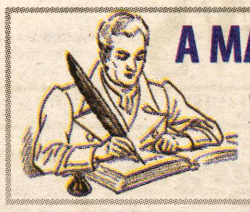

A MAJOR OF MY OWN

One student speaks to the benefits self-designed concentrations. **See page 6.**

THE BUZZ ON BEES

Did you know that we have some beekeepers on the Hill? **See page 8** for the buzz.

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Campus Safety can now arrest students

by Jack Cartwright '15
Social Media Editor

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Campus Safety officers enter a suite; they are responsible for ensuring student behavior is both legal and safe.

This summer, Hamilton College Campus Safety began the process of upgrading officer status from security to "enhanced." Five Campus Safety officers underwent nine weeks, or 336 hours, of training to attain the enhanced status. Fran Manfredo, director of Campus Safety, plans to send five more officers for training over the holiday break and additional officers over the summer, so that the 16 full-time officers on campus will be of enhanced status after next summer.

The enhanced status gives Campus Safety officers "limited law enforcement powers," according to Manfredo. It gives officers two main powers that they did not have before. The first is arrest powers. If necessary, officers are now legally permitted to make arrests for misdemeanor crimes that happen on campus. Manfredo said that in terms of making arrests, Campus Safety would "still rely on the Kirkland Police Department," and arrests by Campus Safety officers would be made only if absolutely necessary. The power has not yet been used; as Manfredo pointed out, "no arrests have been initiated by Campus Safety this semester." The second power the enhanced status gives Campus Safety is the ability to hold small amounts of marijuana to destroy at a later date. In the past, any marijuana discovered by Campus Safety would have to be turned over to the Kirkland Police immediately.

Manfredo, working with Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and Associate Dean of Students for Health and Safety Jeff Landry, determined that the transition to an enhanced status was the best option for the College. "It was a very well thought out plan, which we thought was the natural progression of Campus Safety," he said. The move toward enhanced status allows for a more professional Campus Safety that can better serve the Hamilton College Community."

The added capabilities do not mean, however, that Campus Safety will circumvent the Kirkland Police Department. "We have a great working

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Peer mentoring eases the transition to college life

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
News Contributor

"Where do I fit in?" is a question asked by all incoming first-years, but despite the universality of such a challenge, some students find transitioning to college life to be more difficult that others. For the second year at Hamilton College, the students and administrators involved in the Multicultural Peer Mentoring Project, also known as MP2, strive to confront this issue head-on and assure its participants that everyone has a place on campus.

MP2 is a student-to-student mentoring program that supports first-year students, specifically those that are international, first-generation and historically underrepresented, as they begin their Hamilton education. In this student-driven project, 30 mentors are paired with a group of first-year students and serve, as the official qualifications explain, as "knowledgeable guide[s]," "thoughtful facilitator[s]," and "role model[s] and advocate[s]." Through collective and individual activities, the students develop and maintain a close relationship while also working to develop essential skills, such as time management, and a better sense of belonging on campus. The program, however, is not a one-way learning experience; as the mentees are acclimating to life at Hamilton, student mentors have a rare opportunity to learn about different cultures and societies.

To explain Hamilton's need for such a program, Allen Harrison, the associate dean of students for Multicultural Affairs and Accessibility Services, says, "These students face unique challenges [while transitioning to college life]... In looking at the diversity that's on our campus...I thought there was something internally [that Hamilton College] could do that we could make sustainable and make a real difference in [these students'] lives long term." Despite

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Vote 2012 program unites Hamilton's political groups

by Julia Grace Brimelow '14
News Editor

Combatting what is believed to be a largely apolitical student body, the Hamilton College Democrats and the Hamilton College Republicans have joined forces this election year to launch a series of campus-wide initiatives with the intention of getting more students involved in the political process.

> **"I think Hamilton is really apathetic"**
> *—Will Rusche '13*

Catering to the first-time voter, the two political clubs have focused initial outreach on the issue of voter registration. In an email sent to the campus community last week, the Republicans and Democrats launched Hamilton Votes: 2012, an effort to provide every eligible student voter with the forms he or she needs to successfully cast a vote on Nov. 6.

In response to the some 300 paperwork requests from students, the members of the clubs met this past weekend to stuff envelopes with the appropriate forms, delivering them to mailboxes on Tuesday.

However, these logistical features of voting are only a small part of the larger process of civic engagement the College Democrats and Republicans hope to bring to the Hill. The ultimate goal is to create a campus culture where political discussion and inquiry are central features of daily life.

In this spirit, the two organizations hosted a political discussion group this week. "The Youth Vote," a two-night event co-sponsored by the Days-Massolo Center, addressed the main issues and principles behind the 2012 election, providing a platform for both Democrats and Republicans to speak with students about the impact of their vote in this critical election.

Individually, both groups have worked hard to popularize political discourse on the Hill. So far this semester, the College Democrats have held a Democratic National Convention watch party and brought a local congressional candidate to speak

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Peer support network in MP2 program

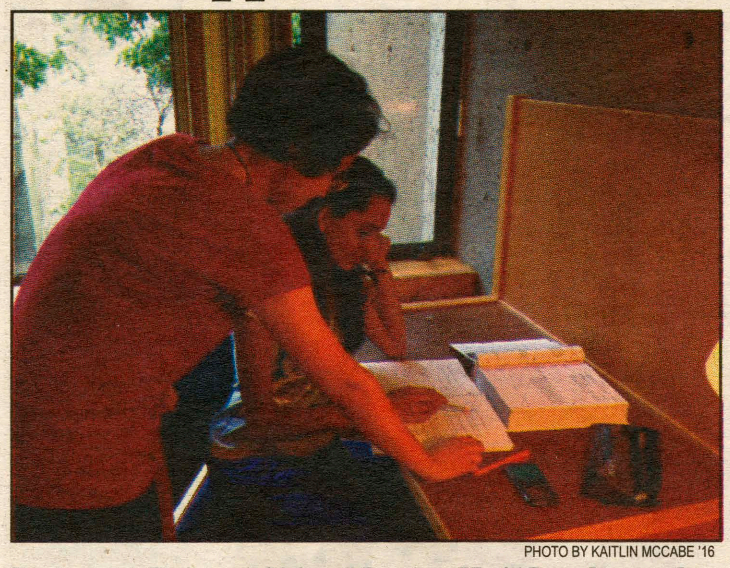

PHOTO BY KAITLIN MCCABE '16

Rashveena Rajaram '16 and Lauren Ha '15 study together.

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the fact that this program targets a specific type of first-year student at Hamilton, however, Dean Harrison maintains that the program does not and will not turn away any students that feel that they could benefit from participation.

Being a member of MP2 is not significant for the mentees alone; the rising sophomores, juniors and seniors serving as mentors are also eager for the exceptional experience.

Charley Allegar '14, a large-group coordinator for the program and previous mentee, related to the discomfort and uncertainty felt by the new first-years. "I had just had a roller-coaster of a freshman year. Lots of up, some pretty rough downs. I figured that if I, a middle-class white American student coming out of a suburban high school, had as much trouble adjusting to Hamilton life as I did, things could be even worse for someone from a drastically different cultural background. I thought I'd be good at helping someone navigate his or her first year here… I want this to be a real support network."

Lauren Ha '15, a mentee in last year's program, also expressed her immense dedication in saying, "Having a mentor during freshmen year was very helpful, and I wanted to be that person for another freshman for the following years…This year, I really want to offer others this support to make college life easier."

This enthusiasm for MP2 was evident at the program's reception on Monday, Sept. 11, when a large group of mentors and mentees joined to participate in introductions and activities to become better acquainted with other members of the group. Though the first-year students were initially shy, they quickly were comforted once they realized that the other students in the room were experiencing the exact same emotions. "[MP2 is a great way] to get to know other international students, to share our fears," Rashveena Rajarem '16, an international student from Mauritius said. Wenlu Weng '16 was also ecstatic about the opportunity to be exposed to such diversity and learn about other cultures. "I'm so used to things being Asian-to-Asian!" she said humorously. "My mentor took me to have dinner with her friends…It was so cool to eat with people with such different backgrounds."

While the Multicultural Peer Mentoring Project is designed to make transitioning to a different environment smoother, those at Hamilton involved in the program mean for it to be more than that. The true goal behind the project is to help the incoming students gain a greater sense of self and to build greater tolerance for others' differences—whether they are racial, religious or simply characteristics—all throughout the Hamilton community.

"I hope that it creates an atmosphere where those students who come here who don't always feel like they belong feel that way," Dean Harrison said. "I hope [the program] contributes to [the mentees'] confidence. They are in the right place and in the right time. They can get great things from the institution, but they can also give great things."

Can all Hamilton students gain something from this program, however? Charley's passionate personal message to MP2 members can easily be applicable to all students as they embark on their journeys of self-discovery. "It's okay to feel vulnerable, or awkward, or like you don't necessarily fit in somewhere. It's okay to feel like you don't have your life fully together, under your control. Who truly does? We've [got to] recognize that we're not alone in feeling inadequate or different sometimes. But in realizing that we're not alone in self-doubt, we can be there for each other. We can listen, share, laugh, encourage, affirm and most of all just care."

Civic Engagement on the Hill

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at a meeting. The College Republicans continue to hold weekly meetings and are planning to partner with the Alexander Hamilton Institute's Publius Society to facilitate further intellectual political discussion.

The hope remains that these efforts can cultivate more political activism and engagement on the Hill.

"I think Hamilton's really apathetic," said William Rusche '13, president of the Hamilton College Democrats. "There's a section of the school population that is really devoted [to politics], but that's it."

But interest in exploring politics, especially in an election year, seems to be growing. With the success of the Hamilton Votes: 2012 campaign, there is a demonstrated interest in contributing to the political process.

Building on this wave of enthusiasm, Sarah Larson '15, president of the Hamilton College Republicans, said the joint events help initiate discourse and boost enthusiasm for the civic engagement.

"It is my hope that students will take some of the opportunities provided by the Hamilton College Republicans and the Hamilton College Democrats to learn more about this years issues in order to be worthy representatives of our demographic come November."

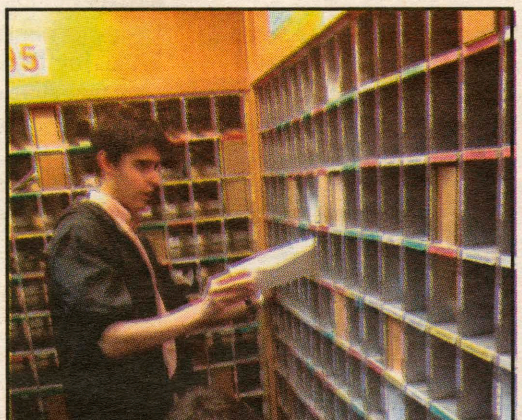

PHOTO BY WILLIAM RUSCHE '13

Jose Vazquez '15 and Garret Wyckoff '14 stuff the boxes at the Mail Center.

Student Assembly Update

by Emily Moore '15
Production Editor

Student Assembly Ambassadors

Student Assembly has decided on a course of action for their new ambassadors program. Student Assembly representatives will be attending club meetings in the coming weeks to act as liaisons and help educate clubs about what Student Assembly can do for them. While there, the ambassadors will discuss funding, what Student Assembly does and how they can help on-campus groups achieve their goals.

New Members

Student Assembly is proud to welcome their new members from the class of 2016: Emily Rivera, Ryan Ong, Ryan Glenn, Rachel Pollan, Annie Whitehurst, Secretary/Treasurer Risheng (Jordan) Zeng and President Lia Perker-Belfer!

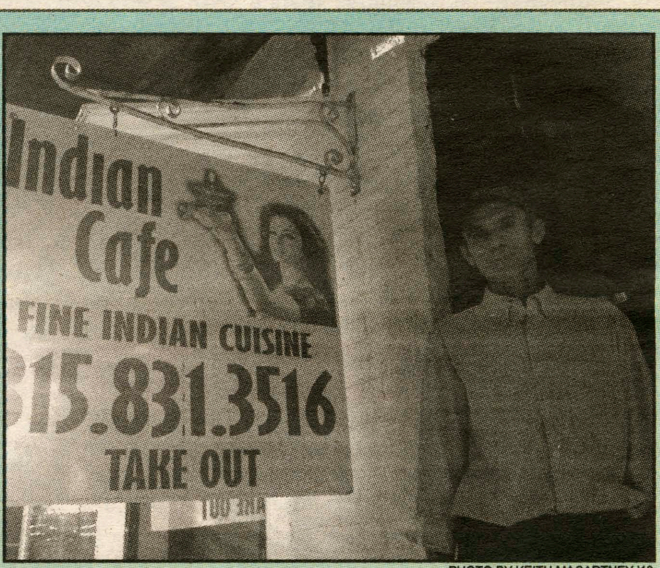

PHOTO BY KEITH MACARTNEY '13

Sal, owner of the Indian Cafe, stands by his sign.

India with a taste of Italia

by Keith MacArtney '13
Managing Editor

After a three-month closure period, Indian Café reopened in downtown Clinton this past Wednesday, September 19, with some exciting changes to their menu.

The re-opening is especially exciting to those who were disappointed to see their favorite local Indian restaurant disappear from College Hill Road over the summer. Most remarkable of the summer improvements is the addition of Italian cuisine to the Indian restaurant's menu.

The restaurant, open for delivery up the Hill, is still associated with New Hartford's Minar Restaurant and will maintain the full Indian menu and buffet. At the same time, the revamped menu aims to please diners who are not quite prepared for the heavy amounts of spices typical of Indian cuisine.

Sal, the owner and operator of Indian Café, explained, "A lot of people who come here like Indian food, but some don't like spices and stuff. So now there's more for them to choose."

The three-month closure brought renovations to the restaurant's kitchen, including new appliances and a pizza oven. While coincidental, the addition of pizza to their menu is timely, as local favorite Pizza Place recently closed its doors.

Even though the Indian Café is now serving Italian food, the owners plan to keep the restaurant's current name, so as to avoid the tedious and lengthy process of obtaining new licenses.

Sal has a great deal of experience managing some highly regarded Italian restaurants in both New York City and Syracuse. Although Sal and his team acknowledge that they have a lot of work to do to reorganize their restaurant, they are very excited about the new additions.

Sal assured: "After they try the pizza, they are going to love it. I have some of the best New York style pizza around."

Love matches made at second speed dating event

by Lily Siff '15
News Contributor

Ashley Williams '14 and Emily Palen '14 organized Hamilton's first Speed Dating event last April after attending a Posse Plus retreat. The retreat, which was also held last spring, focused on a theme of gender and sexuality. After discussing Hamilton students' dissatisfaction with the hook-up culture on campus, Williams and Palen decided that organizing a Speed Dating event would provide students with another way to meet one another. The event was organized with funding from the Sadove Programming Board and help from Mitchell Scher '14 and Assistant Director of Student Activities Noelle Niznik. Euphoria also kindly provided coffee for attendees to enjoy during the event.

Although it is rumored that Hamilton held speed dating events prior to William and Palen's endeavor, no such event had been held on campus in recent years.

This past Thursday evening, Williams and Palen held their second Speed Dating event on the first floor of Sadove. According to Williams and Palen, the event attracted a diverse crowd—from eager first-year students to upperclassmen. Last year, approximately 70 people came to the event, but this year over 130 people attended, and the organizers were forced to turn some people away. Williams and Palen explained that the Speed Dating event is not only intended to help people find love.

As Meg Schlosser '13 points out, "I didn't go in [to the Speed Dating event] looking for the love of my life...I just wanted to meet people that I never would have run into otherwise."

The event is set up in rounds so that every two minutes a host poses a question for partners to discuss. The questions are not purely logistical—they do not ask students to discuss their majors or residence halls. Rather, the host poses fun questions like "McEwen or Commons?" to encourage light-hearted conversation. After meeting a partner, each person is asked to fill out a card to indicate if he or she is interested in his or her partner. At the end of the event, Williams and Palen compile the cards to determine if participants have indicated a mutual liking for one another. The hosts then send an email with contact information to people who indicate a mutual interest. Thus far, 23 "love matches" have been made.

While the first Speed Dating event last spring was criticized in the Duel Observer for being a hetero-normative event, Williams and Palen clarify that their event welcomes all Hamilton students, regardless of sexual orientation. Williams and Palen have been attending Rainbow Alliance meetings so that they can better structure their next event to encourage equal participation from all students. Rainbow Alliance is considering holding its own speed dating event with support from Williams and Palen.

According to Williams and Palen, more speed dating events will occur in October and November; however, exact dates have not been determined. To accommodate more people, the speed dating will occur in two rounds, one from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and a second from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Williams and Palen encourage all Hamilton students to attend, whether they're looking for a future husband or wife or just an opportunity to meet new people on campus.

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NESCAC NEWS

by Min Sohn '15
News Writer

Middlebury: Dalai Lama set to visit

On Oct. 12 and 13, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama will visit Middlebury College. On Oct. 12, the Dalai Lama's talk titled "Educating the Heart" will only be open to the students and faculty of Middlebury College, but on Oct. 13, his lecture, "Finding Common Ground: Ethics for a Whole World," will be open to the general public. Although people are charged for admission at both lectures, in preparation for his visit, Middlebury College planned many other events open to the general public free-of-charge.

On Sept. 12, they screened "Kundun," a biographical film directed by Martin Scorsese. On Sept. 30, master of Tibetan music and dance Tenzin Ngawang will host two workshops. Later that day, the documentary film "Buddha Prince Backstage" will be screened at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5, Professor of Religion William Waldron will give a lecture titled "What is a Dalai Lama and who is the 14th Dalai Lama? The Buddhist Historical Context" followed by one final movie showing: "The Fire Inside: Place, Passion and Primacy of Nature."

Recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, the 14th Dalai Lama is a charismatic speaker and is widely respected by both Buddhists and non-Buddhists. Opportunities to hear a man of his caliber speak do not come often, and Middlebury College encourages anybody to attend. Tickets will be available Sept. 27 for the Dalai Lama's second lecture. Visit http://boxoffice.middlebury.edu/ for more information.

Bowdoin: Attempts anonymous forum

Brian Kim '13, Helen White '13 and Josh Zalinger '13 have launched a new website, www.off-therecord.com, an anonymous, online forum to debate controversial social and political issues. The three creators post topics for discussion, and any Bowdoin student can register and comment on a thread.

Bowdoin, however, has not had much success with anonymous websites. According to *The Orient*, previous anonymous websites, JuicyCampus.com and Collegeacb.com, have only encouraged malicious comments and harmful gossip. JuicyCampus.com was shutdown in 2009, and its replacement, CollegeACB, "College Anonymous Confession Board" is no longer online. As such, Director of Student Activities Allen Delong was opposed to the creation of off-therecord.com. Even after talking with creator Kim and granting approval, Delong tells *The Orient* that "[he] would still prefer students (. . .) to put their names on their perspectives."

The administrators, however, have not yet been forced to remove any comments from their site, and their intentions are pure. Kim told *The Orient* that she believes "anonymity allows the discussions to remain objective," and she hopes that this can be a doorway for people with minority views to feel no hesitation in sharing their ideas.

Wesleyan: Reaccreditation

According to *The Wesleyan Argus*, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, a visiting committee from the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) will re-evaluate the University's qualifications. Every 10 years since 1929, Wesleyan University has voluntarily undergone the reaccreditation process. Before NEASC makes their final decision, the University must conduct their own evaluation.

For the past two years, various members of the Wesleyan community have served on different committees to evaluate the University's status under a variety of standards. After they hand in their self-report, the NEASC's committee evaluates what they see in their visit while using this self-report for reference.

Reaccreditation is not a strange occurrence. In order to be acknowledged as "institutions of higher learning," all Universities must be reaccredited once every few years. The NEASC, however, in recent years have handed out conditional accreditations, in which universities have been approved but must change a particular policy.

MIDDLEBURY TRINITY TUFTS WESLEYAN WILLIAMS

Campus Safety upgrades to enhanced status

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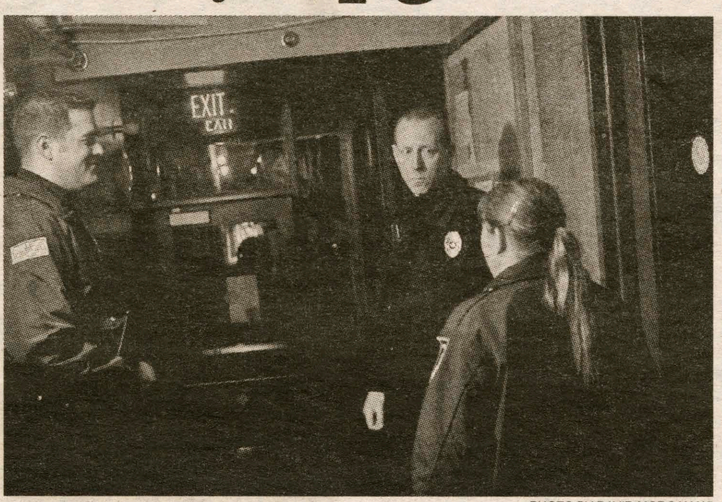
relationship with the Kirkland Police Department," said Manfredo. "They are a tremendous asset for us here on campus." He said that typically Campus Safety involves the Kirkland Police on campus when a student files a police report including, but not limited to, missing property, physical altercations and motor vehicle accidents. Chief Dan English of the Kirkland Town Police agreed that the relationship between the two organizations is a good one. English said of the Campus Safety's enhanced status, "I don't think it changes anything [with regard to our relationship]." Manfredo said that he "looks forward to continuing the relationship" between the two institutions.



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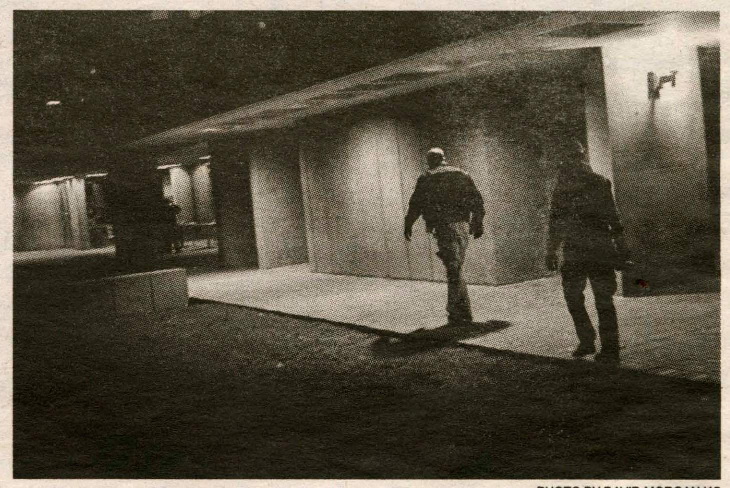
Fran Manfredo and other Campus Safety Officers in the dorms.

Union College in Schenectady, New York, also has a Campus Safety force of enhanced status. Christopher Hayen, the Campus Safety director of Union College says Union has seen a lot of benefits because of the enhanced status of its Campus Safety officers. "Here at Union College the extra training has created a more professional team, a better working relationship with the local police and helped my department better meet the legal and legislative demands being placed on colleges and universities," Hayen said. He mentioned that crime on campus has dropped significantly over the four years since Union adopted the program.

Additionally, Hayen said he doubts that the student body will see a difference, but that campus safety will be "better equipped to handle the demands placed on them by the Office of Civil Rights, Title IX, Clery, timely warning, emergency management and the many other legal/legislative concerns that many people are not aware of."

This move to enhanced status is just the next step in Manfredo's quest to make the Hamilton College Campus Safety the best it can be.



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Campus Safety officers walk patrol near List Art Center.

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Hamilton Health Center in need of healing

With flu season imminently upon us and the first round of tests and papers in full swing, it is more worrisome than ever that the Thomas B. Rudd Health Center still operates with such limited hours in such a small space. Although hand sanitizer dispensers are strewn throughout the campus and most students keep a steady supply of over-the-counter cold remedies in their dorm rooms, these basic efforts are far from sufficient in warding off the inevitable ailments that come with communal living and frigid winters. Especially since college campuses are known as breeding grounds for viruses and bacteria, *our Health Center's hours and facilities* should reflect that need *for frequent attention*.

The limited staff and hours at the Health Center have long been a problem for our community. Currently, the Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour closure at noon for lunch. The student health facilities at comparable colleges and universities, like Bates, Colgate, Wesleyan and Williams, have more extensive hours during the week and remain open on Saturdays and Sundays. Even during the Center's limited hours, physicians are only available twice weekly, by appointment. Though the Health Center staff is certainly knowledgeable and prepared, doctors should be more readily available to students in need. Hamilton's small size should not prevent it from providing its students with sufficient health care.

If a student requires medical attention during the Center's off hours (4:30 p.m to 8:30 a.m. on weekdays and at all times throughout weekends), he or she has no option other than visiting emergency rooms at local hospitals. Students suffering from the common campus ailments, like a sore throat or mild fever, should neither have to overwhelm busy local emergency rooms with their non-emergencies nor have to wait for the office to open. In addition to the inconvenience factor of seeking medical attention off-campus, emergency rooms are quite costly. The College's Health Center does not charge students for office visits. Students who cannot afford the hefty price tag of a visit to the emergency room suffer through the Center's off hours instead of receiving the on-campus medical attention that they deserve. We hope that the new Hamilton Student Emergency Aid Society (SEAS) will take into consideration students who acquire unexpected medical bills while at Hamilton.

Our Health Center does not offer proper accommodations, such as alternative housing, to sick students during their illnesses. This means that more students, especially roommates and suitemates, are more likely to get sick and spread the disease further. While our current facilities do not have this type of space, such investments are necessary improvements to our College that certainly outweigh the timeliness of many of current campus development projects.

Though the Health Center might not be the first stop on a campus tour, it is an extremely important aspect of campus life that must not face further disregard. While some students might not take a science class or have a chance to visit the new arts facility, practically every student will require a visit to the Health Center at some point during their time on the Hill, despite their best efforts to avoid those miserable sniffles.

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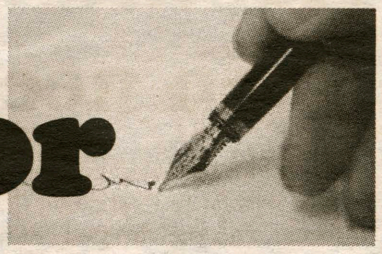

by Sean D. Henry-Smith '15
Opinion Contributor

I decided to take the interdisciplinary study track because I could not commit to any department and be completely satisfied. I am interested in many fields of study, and if I were to bind myself to one major, I would always question my decision.

I applied to Hamilton as an intended theatre major, but quickly realized I wanted to do more than that. I have always had an interest in film, so the Cinema & New Media Studies department fulfilled that interest, but the courses offered were (and still are) limited. I also fell in love with sociology and photography, and strongly considered taking the Sociology and Art double major path, but I knew that would be a cop-out.

After much deliberation and discussion with professors in each department, I decided to create my own major, bringing together the aspects of Sociology, Art and Cinema & New Media studies that interest me most.

The support from my advisors and professors is incredible. I have had the chance to develop relationships with wonderful professors who believe in me and my vision. Communication with my advisors is always clear—I feel as though I am truly understood. Knowing what I am capable of, they constantly push me to accomplish my goals in the most effective manner.

I am captivated by the human obsession with sharing our experiences, and the various mediums we use to tell our narratives. In Homeric manner, a lot of the things we know of others, and others know of us, has been told through oral stories. As technology has advanced, experiences have been shared various ways—the mass printings of written word, moving and still pictures and audio recordings.

Some choose to tell their tales in more abstract methods—dance, painting, prose, etc. We, as humans, thrive for attention and satisfy that need through constant communication in various formats: texting, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, any place we can share our experience for all to remember we exist. During my time at Hamilton, I will have the opportunity to further research this concept and to share my discovery with others (as my desire for attention requests I do so).

> **"It is a comfort to know I don't have to suffer through my major... I don't share the resentment many have toward their majors because I am doing exactly what I would like to be doing."**

It is a comfort to know I don't have to suffer through my major. If I had a nickel for every time I've heard a complaint about "Orgo," I would be able to buy Opus cookies every day for the rest of my life. How many Government majors are truly poets? How many students on the pre-med track are actually artists? I do not have to repress an interest to explore a more "practical" study. Instead, I have combined practicality with a more creative pursuit.

A friend of mine who is a Creative Writing major said to me, "I've written a lot of bulls**t the last four years. I wish I created my own major because then I would've written about the things I care about."

I don't share the resentment many have toward their majors because I am doing exactly what I would like to be doing.

At first, I worried about my major not appearing to be legitimate to future employers, but after discussing my fear with Sean Hotchkiss, a writer for GQ, I ceased to worry. He reassured me that employers are looking for self-motivation and creativity in their hires, and a great way to display that is by developing your own study.

Working independently on something you feel passionately about illustrates your ability to reinvent the conventional outlook on life.

We should all appreciate and take advantage of the opportunity to develop a project that brings forth a new perspective to seemingly rigid curriculum—precisely what one is expected to do at a liberal arts college.

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
Hummus Cooking Lesson: Spoiler alert, no cooking involved.	Humans v. Zombies Registration: Take two servings of bath salts and begin.	Health and Safety Inspections: the only time having a tapestry makes you a badass.
Mindfulness Stress Reduction Group: ... got weed?	WHCL Looking for Football Broadcaster: an entire show dedicated to saying, "once again, Hamilton lost."	Little Miss Sunshine Screening: it's like the dark side version of Toddlers in Tiaras, honey boo boo child.
CPR Class Email: It took our breath away!	Renaissance Music Performance: is that your jousting pole or are you just excited to see me?	Naturalist Club Meeting: word to the wise, the naturalist club is not the same as the streaking team..

by Wynn Van Dusen '15, Scott Wilson '15 and Tim Cowan '15

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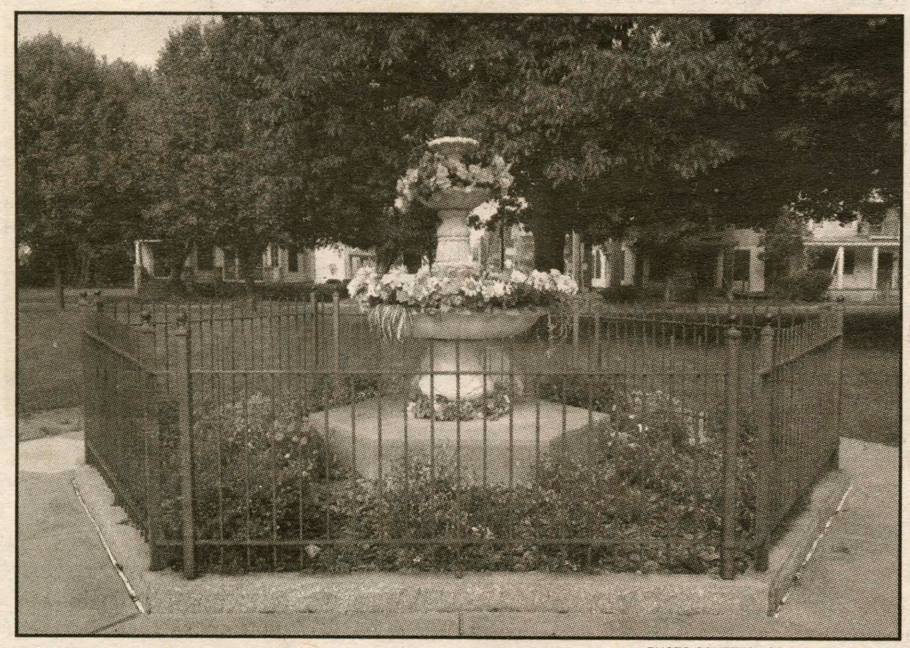
HAVOC's "Make a Difference Day"

Two perspectives on a day of community involvement

Believe in clean up: Positive community change



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Above, the decorated fountain in the middle of the Johnson Park Center. The Johnson Park center is located in Cornhill, a Utica neighborhood.

by Cailin Chang '13
Opinion Contributor

"Do you guys have bulletproof vests? No? Uh, well, if you hear any popping sounds over there, just realize that they are not firecrackers and that you should drop down to the floor. Yeah, it's that kind of neighborhood." These were the words that my group heard this past Saturday before we arrived at our "Make a Difference Day" location: the Johnson Park Center in Cornhill, Utica.

After an amazing experience at the Kirkland Arts Center last year, I participated in this year's Make a Difference Day because I wanted to continue getting to know the community and offering my help. I didn't really care where I ended up, as long as I was helping others with my friends. However, when my group was questioned on whether or not we had bulletproof vests, I was shocked. Why did mentioning the Center prompt this person to immediately think of guns?

Johnson Park was a dangerous area in Utica. Drug dealers had claimed it as their territory and the houses were condemned. A volunteer of the Johnson Park Center claimed, "Even police officers were scared to go to this side of town."

In 1995, Reverend Maria Scates, who was formerly homeless, believed that she could transform the park into a place that welcomed people and helped them grow. She and Reverend Ursula Meier decided to enlist the help of the whole neighborhood. They claimed that they were going to bring positive change to Cornhill.

At first, the neighbors were skeptical, but once they began to see progress, they realized that these two reverends were determined to not give up on their community. The two reverends made 26 Johnson Park their new non-profit Outreach Center and Church.

Upon reaching this building on Saturday, my group realized that the negative remarks made outside of the Johnson Park Center were wrong.

The center was a completely renovated and refurbished three-story building. The building overlooked a lawn with a beautiful gated fountain in the center. The volunteers at the Johnson Park Center immediately came out and greeted us with smiles, but at the time I was still wary of the area. It was not until we were inside and watched a video chronicling the hard work that had been put into this neighborhood that I realized how much Cornhill had transformed. It no longer had drug lords hanging around the area. It was a completely new place.

The beauty of the area, though, meant that there was a lot of work that needed to be done in order to maintain it. I worked alongside Latasha Thomas '13, and together we pulled out weeds. Other students like Christopher Delacruz '13 were trimming hedges, sawing off small branches that were caught in the fences in the area, or simply picking up garbage on the floor.

I am proud to say that I used my time to get to know Utica a little better. I wish more people gave Cornhill more credit, as it clearly has so much to give to the community.

Today, the Johnson Park Center offers housing for people with special needs, food for those who are unable to afford it, and a youth program that allows the young people in Utica to thrive in a safe environment. Sure it had a bad reputation in the past, but all places have a potential to change for the better—we just have to say, as Reverend Scates put it, "We are available. We want to see change."

I have seen it, my BLSU team has seen it, and now I want others to see it.

Despite organizational issues, event was rewarding

by Kristina Aiello '16
Opinion Contributor

For most, waking up early on a Saturday morning while living at Hamilton College is not a simple task. In fact, it takes a lot for us to sacrifice a morning of sleep—even if we're not the so-called "party type." Luckily, one good thing about HAVOC's Make a Difference Day was that it officially began at 11:30 am.

The worst part of Make a Differnece Day was the limited spots due to pre-signups. Being an avid animal lover, I arrived with all of my hopes set on visiting Rome's Humane Society. I even e-mailed HAVOC's coordinator in advance, voicing my desire to work with animals. That didn't seem to matter, though, because when I got there, the animal shelter had already filled up; a group on campus had taken all of the available spots.

I don't think the pre-signups for spots were entirely fair, especially for first years like me who may not yet be dedicated to any clubs on campus. Others agreed with me and added that if pre-signups are necessary, a group should not be able to take up all the spots at a "popular" place. Along with this, there were some locations, like Clearbridge, that cancelled due to lack of volunteers. Why wasn't this taken into consideration?

Problems continued because of a lack of organization. After signing up, other students and I moved to a larger room to grab our lunches and wait for the busses.

We all sat clueless, not really knowing why we were waiting. It was not until about 15 to 20 minutes later that someone finally explained that the busses were nearby after going to the wrong site on campus.

When we got to the buses, though, there was more confusion. Two of the busses changed their "colors," and many were uncertain of where to go. There was a lack of communication during this situation, which made people who were anxious to start volunteering antsy.

I had signed up to go to Spring Farm Cares, a local farm in Clinton, NY, that also runs an animal shelter. The happiness and excitement this location brought me made the annoying occurrences in the Barn all worth it.

I was able to spend most of the time just giving the cats and kittens attention. Sitting directly in their pens, I, along with my shoelaces, were the direct victims of their hyper and mischievous ways.

We did do a lot of work too. When we first arrived, we cleaned out two of the cat rooms and then proceeded to mop them. After, we folded laundry, which consisted of the fabrics, toys, and pee pads used in the animals' rooms. When 3:45 p.m. arrived, I was sad to leave.

I believe that Spring Farm Cares is a perfect volunteer site because not only did they certainly need our help, but the amount of work they put into helping animals–blind ones, injured ones, and so forth–is tremendous.

HAVOC's Make a Difference Day definitely opened my eyes to how much volunteering can actually impact people, animals, communities and organizations. Spring Farm did not ask for much; they just wanted their animals to receive our attention. This may not seem like a lot, but by just being there for four hours, we made the staff smile and the cats purr.

Overall, despite the lack of organization in some areas, Make a Difference Day proved itself to be a great event. With a great variety of volunteer locations, there is definitely something for everyone.

The program itself has a great purpose, and I'm very glad that I signed up. The experience was definitely worthwhile.

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Kimberly Rowley '13, Cailin Chang '13 Latasha Thomas '13, Christopher Delacruz '13 and others gathered before embarking on their service trips.

Beekeeping: the secret talent of Hamilton faculty and staff

by Jill Chipman '14
Features Writer

What do Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and Campus Safety Officer Joseph Plado Constante have in common besides both working at Hamilton? Both keep bees. In fact, several members of the Hamilton College community keep bees.

Dean Thompson began keeping bees with the assistance of her brother who is a beekeeper. Along with Elizabeth Tantillo, wife of Dick Tantillo, vice president of Communications and Development, Thompson raises bees near the community farm on campus. The bees pollinate the plants in the garden and receive their nutrients, but the garden also benefits from having bees in such close proximity. Thompson says it can be difficult sometimes, but "the bees do all the really hard work." Thompson collects the honey from the bees every year and gives it to friends and family as well as keeps some for herself.

Honey extraction is a relatively simple process. Thompson usually extracts honey during the day, when the majority of the bees are not in the hive and are less likely to be bothered. She then scrapes off the honey comb covering and uses a centrifuge-like device to spin the honey out of the comb. The honey is then filtered and collected.

However, Thompson noted that it is very important to leave some honey behind for the bees in the winter, a point Officer Plado also mentioned. Contrary to what many people think, the bees do not sleep during the winter. Rather, all of the male drone bees are forced to leave the hive, and the remaining bees huddle together and quiver to produce heat in the hive.

Despite her best efforts and the mild winter, Thompson lost her hive this winter. Her brother was able to provide her with a queen and a starter nest. Recently, with the help of Physical Plant, Thompson was able to get another nest from 100 College Road. This may seem like a dangerous task, but Thompson notes the only times she has been stung were times when she was being careless.

Thompson recalls raising her children and trying to get them into beekeeping: "I was trying to inject a little science into their lives early," she said. She also recalls bringing some beekeeping gear to the Clinton Early Learning Center this past summer. Whenever the children reach the letter "B" learning the alphabet, she usually gets a call.

An important point that Thompson emphasizes is the complexity of the bee society. There are many different types of bees in one nest and every bee has a duty. In an average beehive, there can be anywhere between 60,000 and 80,000 bees. They are all governed by one queen. When a hive gets too large, however, part of the hive will leave and form a new hive.

> **"The bees do all the really hard work."**
> *- Dean Thompson*

Officer Plado also emphasized the complexity of a bee society. He notes that bees can anticipate the demise of a queen. "If the other bees sense the queen is ill or not producing, they will produce queen cells, usually five or six; the first one to hatch is the new queen, and she kills the other cells," he said.

Officer Plado has been keeping bees for about 30 years. He has about 36 nests in several locations. Plado began beekeeping with the help of a family friend. Plado recalls spending time at his friend's house helping with various beekeeping tasks. His friend suggested that Plado should begin beekeeping.

"At first, I was skeptical. I mean, why would I want to do the work when I was already getting free honey?" Plado chuckled.

Regardless, Plado began keeping bees and making honey. Unlike Thompson, Plado has never really been a fan of beekeeping gloves or any other protective gear, a choice that has led him to some fairly serious bee stings. He was recently stung above his right eye which caused his eye to swell shut. However, Plado says this hasn't deterred him from beekeeping.

Plado keeps his hives in various locations, like near his garden or as far away as Marcy. He notes that bees may travel up to seven miles to get pollen. He also emphasized how important bees are for food production.

"I'd say about 90 to 95 percent of food has been pollinated by bees," said Plado.

Plado often gets his hives by removing them from people's houses. He recently removed one from 40 College Hill Road. He is slightly concerned about the hive for the winter as it seems rather small, and he is not sure if there will be enough honey for them for the winter. A typical hive produces 175 to 200 pounds of honey. Plado says he tries to leave about 120 to 150 pounds in the hive for the winter as the bees do not leave the hive once the outdoor temperature drops below 50 degrees. During this time, the bees huddle together for warmth, and the hive can reach upwards of 80 degrees.

Plado notes that he doesn't use medicine or chemicals on the bees. "I wouldn't want to eat that," he said.

Bees are prone to numerous diseases including mites. However, a big problem with bees is Colony Collapse Disorder or CCD. In CCD, an entire colony of bees can become sick and die. Plado does his best to treat bees naturally and regularly checks on the bees to make sure none of them are sick.

He notes that honey from the store is all sugar and artificial organically produced honey is far superior. Plado extracts honey from the hives twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. He sells the honey each season and says he really enjoys the process, a sentiment that Dean Thompson also shares.

Both Thompson and Plado find beekeeping a stress relieving activity that can help them clear their minds and get away from the stress of life.

"It's just so different from everything" said Thompson.

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Officer Plado has been beekeeping for the last 30 years. Here he tends to one of his 36 nests.

Green Apple Way honors symbol of Kirkland College

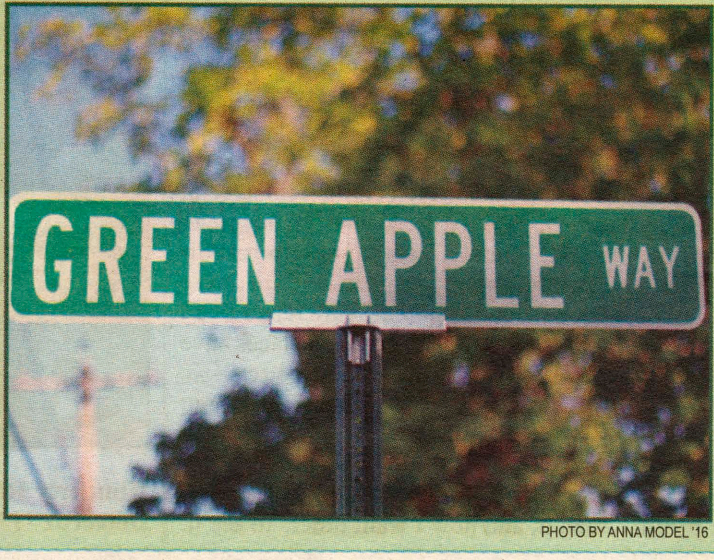
by Sarah Destin '14
Features Editor

Confused delivery men, disoriented visitors and frantic ambulance drivers no longer have to deal with attempting to find the little road behind the Sadove Student Center in order to get to the Darkside. In order to remedy this confusion, Hamilton has officially named this driveway Green Apple Way.

"Several people who sponsor events on the south campus, most notably those in the arts, suggested it would be easier to direct people to their events if the road leading to that side of campus had a name. After consulting with a number of people, we concluded that it would be appropriate to give some recognition to Kirkland College since the road leads to the campus where Kirkland was founded in 1968," said Michael Debraggio, assistant vice-president for Communications.

The decision to name the street "Green Apple Way" was rooted in honoring the tradition of Kirkland College. The land that was formerly known as Kirkland College was the site of an apple orchard. Kirkland used the apple as its formal symbol, as the apple represented a certain "organic" quality of the changing college.

"We thought of individuals associated with Kirkland, but most of those people are already recognized in some way. Ultimately, Green Apple Way was selected because the campus was built in an apple orchard, and the green apple has become a symbol of Kirkland over time," Debraggio explained.



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The symbol of the Kirkland green apple is still very much alive today in modern Hamilton traditions.

"To acknowledge Kirkland, many graduating seniors place a green apple on the Commencement podium when they receive their degree, and Kirkland graduates often wear green apple pins to show their affection for the all-women's college," Debraggio said.

Besides honoring Kirkland, the naming of Green Apple Way also provides much needed clarification for visitors to the campus.

"Other names such as Kirkland Road or Orchard Drive were considered, but there are already streets in Clinton with those names," Debraggio continued.

The College encourages students to use the name Green Apple Way when directing visitors on campus.

Bachelor and Bachelorette

Matt Langan '14

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Hometown: *New York City.*
Home on Campus: *G-Road.*
Major: *Government.*
Turn On? *Smile.*
Turn Off? *Bad laugh.*
If you were a dorm, which would you be and why? *Bundy Pfundy, it's the beast.*
Lights on or lights off? *Dancing in the moonlight.*
If you were any social space, what would it be and why? *Sadove, it's a rave cave.*
If you had to create a new points system, what would be the #1 offense? *Not heeding a fear of missing out.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *Janz Janz Janz.*
If you were a food, which would you be and why? *A knuckle sandwich.*
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day, with whom would it be? *Chad at the Pub, pub lunch is the best.*
What's your favorite animal? *A moose...who doesn't like to moose around?*
What would you say is your best feature? *My eyes.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *Get your coat.*
If you could have any super power, what would it be and why? *Tona Crouch, obviously.*
What's your type? *YOLO.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *Stand on the top of the Chapel.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Vamos a los levels.*
What would you give a thumbs down? *Lines at early Commons.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Anne Hilburn—look at that Anne hair.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *A megaphone.*
What would your perfect date be? *2 for $20.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *Air, water, food.*
Where do you go when you want to be alone? *The most power happy place on planet globes.*

Axi Walker '13

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Hometown: *Lynchberg, VA.*
Home on Campus: *Milbank.*
Major: *Dance.*
Turn On? *Brunettes.*
Turn Off? *Sweatpants at parties.*
What is your worst habit? *Talking.*
Lights on or lights off? *Lights off.*
If you were a dorm, which would you be and why? *Farmhouse, it's country and the smallest dorm on campus.*
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, whom would you pick and why? *Chiles Stanton (from* Country Strong*) and Axel Rose.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *"Do you like raisins? How about a date?"*
If you could have any super power, what would it be and why? *I want to be a jumper because that was the best movie ever.*
What's your spirit animal? *Koala because I'm small but I'm still a bear.*
What's your type? *Alpha Rangers.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *"Gilette: the best a man can get."*
If you were a food, which would you be and why? *Peach Andre, because I'm sweet, Southern and slightly alcoholic.*
If you were any social space, what would it be and why? *Bundy because I'm not afraid to get sticky.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Sig.*
If you could get rid of one group on campus, which would it be? *Girls basketball, they make me look too short!*
What would you say is your best feature or quality? *My hair, it's full of secrets.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *Stealing a Campus Safety car.*
What's your favorite animal? *Cheetah.*
What would you give a thumbs up? *Freshmen boys.*
What would you give a thumbs down? *Freshmen boys.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Jack from the VT.*
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day, with whom would it be? *Campo.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *My head massager.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *My brown silk robe, my melted laptop and my friends.*
What would your perfect date be? *Dinner at Red Lobster.*

Café con Leche showcases diverse talents

by Amelia Heller '16
Arts & Entertainment Contributor

Café con Leche, the Black Latino Student Union sponsored Open Mic, took place Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Opus 1. Although as a vegan I did not drink the free pre-made coffee with milk, the incredible talent that performed made up for my lack of caffeine. The acts included rap, spoken word, prose, poems and songs.

Jose Vazquez '15, one of the first performers, read a memoir dedicated to his grandmother who passed away this summer.

Although Vazquez was able to hold back tears as he concluded speaking, the same could not be said for many audience members, including myself. Another performer who also elicited a strong emotional response from the audience was Jeremy Mathurin '16. He performed a spoken word piece about his struggle to communicate his feelings of love, claiming to be a "bumbling weirdo," and in "deer in the headlights mode." Even though Mathurin claimed to be incapable of coherently talking to his crush, the women in the audience audibly sighed when he said that he was "constantly distracted by the sweet melody of her voice," and how "so much time was spent by God creating the one and only you."

PHOTO BY GRETHA SUAREZ '15

Gabriel Burford '15, Margaret Hylas '15 and Ali Crivelli '14 sang "Rivers and Roads" managed to capture the crowd.

The audience's responses were dependent upon the type of performance; spoken word required snapping, acoustic songs prompted applause, etc. Although the acts differed in content and style, all were well received by the spectators. Sophomores Margaret Hylas '15 Gabe Burford '15 and Ali Crivelli '14, who sang "Rivers and Roads" by the Head and the Heart and barely finished before the audience erupted in the loudest applause of the night. The response to Wilne Ledesmas '15 drastically differed from that of Hylas, Burford and Crivelli. He spoke about the loss of heritage one experiences from living in America, going so far as to emphatically shout curses at America and end his act by pretending to commit suicide. The audience was left speechless and in awe of his artistry and passion.

PHOTO BY GRETHA SUAREZ '15

Sadiq Abubakar's '15 spoken word performance stirred the crowd's emotions.

Although the event was sponsored by BLSU, the diversity among the students who attended the event was easily visible. Members of HEOP and POSSE, Hamilton scholarship programs, constituted a large part of those present, but there were also students there to fulfill requirements for Spanish classes, those who wanted to listen to good music and passionate speakers and inevitably those there just for the free refreshments.

Leather jackets, sweater dresses, T-shirts, flannel button downs with skinny jeans and muscle tees all united over small couches and styrofoam cups filled with Café con Leche.

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Saturday, Sept. 22
10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
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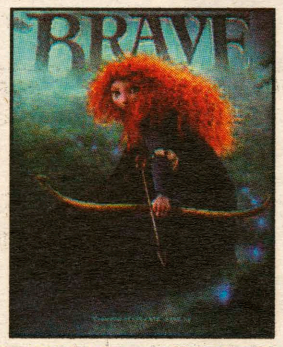

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September 20, 2012

WHCL schedule kicks off this Thursday - tune in!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 a.m.	*The Love Hour* Figueroa/ Abubakar/ Kazickers/ Gifford	*Ya Tu Saber* Caraccido/ Asado-Johnson/ Hyman	*Easily Offended* Schoeneck/ Marshall	*Blue Vinyl Radio* Alexander/ Fleming/ Lawrence	*The Greyside* Arroyo/ Haag/ Harbour	*Off The Air*	*Off The Air*
1 a.m.	*Going in Cold* Janzen/ Stiles/ Richey	*The Underground* Bicks	*Tapes & 808s* Hutchinson/ Fuentes	*La Arana Discoteca* Smart/ Funk/ Haslun	*Hillmatic* King/ Nathan		
2 a.m.	Off the air	Off the air	*Hidden: On the Hill and Off* O'Sullivan/ Yurkofsky	*Re:play* Hua/ Le / Segura	*State Run Radio* Totten/ Seiden/ Desius		
3 a.m.			Off the air	Off the air	Off the air		
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5 a.m.							
6 a.m.							
7 a.m.	*The Roadtrip* Wagner/ Trager	*Some Folky Ish* Morris/ Kaplan	*Let's Get Folked Up* Carradine	*The Dancing Cat!* Pellicane/ Smith	*Pump-Up Radio* Berrios	TBA	*Expand Your Mind* Wesley
8 a.m.	*Might As Well* Talpey	*Foreign Exchange* Christopher/ Ferguson	*The Wringer* Bianco	*One is the Loneliest Number* Siff/ Kiernan/ Kriegsman	*The British Adventures of Marta and Tigerchild* Hewko/ Kagaoan	*Dre in the Morning* ABC Student	*The Fade Out* Lee
9 a.m.	*45's Oddity* O'Connell	*All Love* Langbaum		*How to Perfect the Stink Eye* Blood/ Malisov	*Music Should Be Shared* Keating	*Californistan* Rudick/ Wilson	*Strobe Light on a Funky Beat* Strobel
10 a.m.	*The Department of Information* London	*What's That Song?* McBratney/ DeGuardi	*Jammin' with Homer* Zahm/ Cross	*60 Minutes, More or Less* Blessen/ Vail/ Milder	*B-Side Life* Davis	*Romance of the Redwoods* Bickmore/ Stimson	*Guilty Pleasures* Brown/ Patterson/ Cho
11 a.m.	*Snow Dog5* Song/ Nierman	*Beef Bourguignon* Sherry/ Hayman	*Talkin' Jazz* Rowe	*Rock, Metal and the Symphony* Friedman	*Tune In to Tune Out* Goodman/ Evans	*The Weekly Nerd* Greenham/ Huben/ Schanck	*The Gentleman's Hour* Jackson/ Wagner
12 p.m.	*What Is Hip?* Laciano/ Howard	*Untitled #20* Ryan		*Subculture* Coash	*Untitled #5* McManus	*Untitled #12* Ritacco	*Noise Pollution* Biel
1 p.m.	*Gotham City Soundtrack* McCullough	*Frosted Tips* Goffin/ Lane/ Collins	*Paronomasia* Brockmann	*Kulture Hour* Ross		*Football/CCS Radio* Geisler	*Untitled #7* Davidow
2 p.m.	*Lucy in the Sky with Dubstep* Olsson	*Newman* Newman	*Untitled #14* Heller	*Raised on Radio* Boyce	*PMW* Adelfio		*Boise, Pittsburg, Waco* Schwartz
3 p.m.	*God Damn Independent Radio* Finkelstein	*Bad News Berg* Voremberg/ Rittenberg	*My Sister's Radio Show* Glasser	*Spanish Dept.*	*Coffee Talk with Dawn & Lois* Tooker/ Amster	*Lucky Charms and Soy Milk* Shields	*Untitled #8* Jastrzembski
4 p.m.	*Juicebox Jams* Lowe/ Lovejoy/ Toole	*Alluring Attitudes* Goodman/ Boylan	*Hardwir3's Playhouse* Hard	*Norwegian Sisters* Tomalonis/ Berg	*Hey Dude* Kang/ Swan	*The Library* McPheeters/ Gavin	*Untitled #9* Hudon
5 p.m.	*The Blue Ivy Show* Mahoney/ Goddard	*From Where I Sit* Kuchukhidze/ Javad/ Britt-Hysell	*Dueling Banjos* Doig	*Chinese Dept*	*Little League* Sherman/ King	*The Democratic Resistance* Ligas/ Louie	
6 p.m.	*Reminiscent of a Whale* Bishop/ Fracchia	*Helping Friendly Radio* Keren/ Nichols	*The Woodlands* Barton/ Rusche	*The Woodlands* Barton/ Rusche	***Spectator Show* Coe/Lieb/ MacArtney**	*O-Em-Gilly* Grace/ Balderston/ Dudeck	*It's Just Music* Cacket/ Vaughan
7 p.m.	*Kick A.S.K.* Marris/ Hill/ Wenick	*Untiltle #16* Rothman	*Untitled 1* Fields	*Untitled #3* Fine	*Ratchet Radio* Liburd/ Rodriguez	*Power Hour* Kim/ Matthews	*The Bean's Fiends* Milam/ Asaga
8 p.m.	*Anywhere But Here* Mead	*The Chocolate Factory* Lanman/ Altman	*Island Vibes and Banging Times* Stern/ Wheelwright	*Ravinspace* James	*Jaunting Spheres* Marks/ Trombetta	*Retro Radio* Fuller	*Worst Comes to Worst* Finger/ Mitko
9 p.m.		*Power Hour* Ritacco	*Over The Hill* Notaro/ Welchons/ Vasselli		*Spectrum* Yates		*H.A.M. Jamz* McLean/ Lowe/ Wilson
10 p.m.	*Coastal Sound* Yu	*Spaghetti Kettle* Cain/ Paikert	*Untitled 2* Coons	*Satan's Earlobe* Azdair/ Livingston	*Bibimpop* Lee	*Gully Tactics* David	*Untitled #10* Thorman
11p.m.	*Groove Me Baby* Lee/ Stimson	*Untitled #17* Geisler	*Spandex* Rothman/ Lee	*Superfun Radio Show Extravaganza, Pt. 6* Feitelson	*Kcho Fo Sho Show* Cho/ Sato		*Untitled #11* Lee

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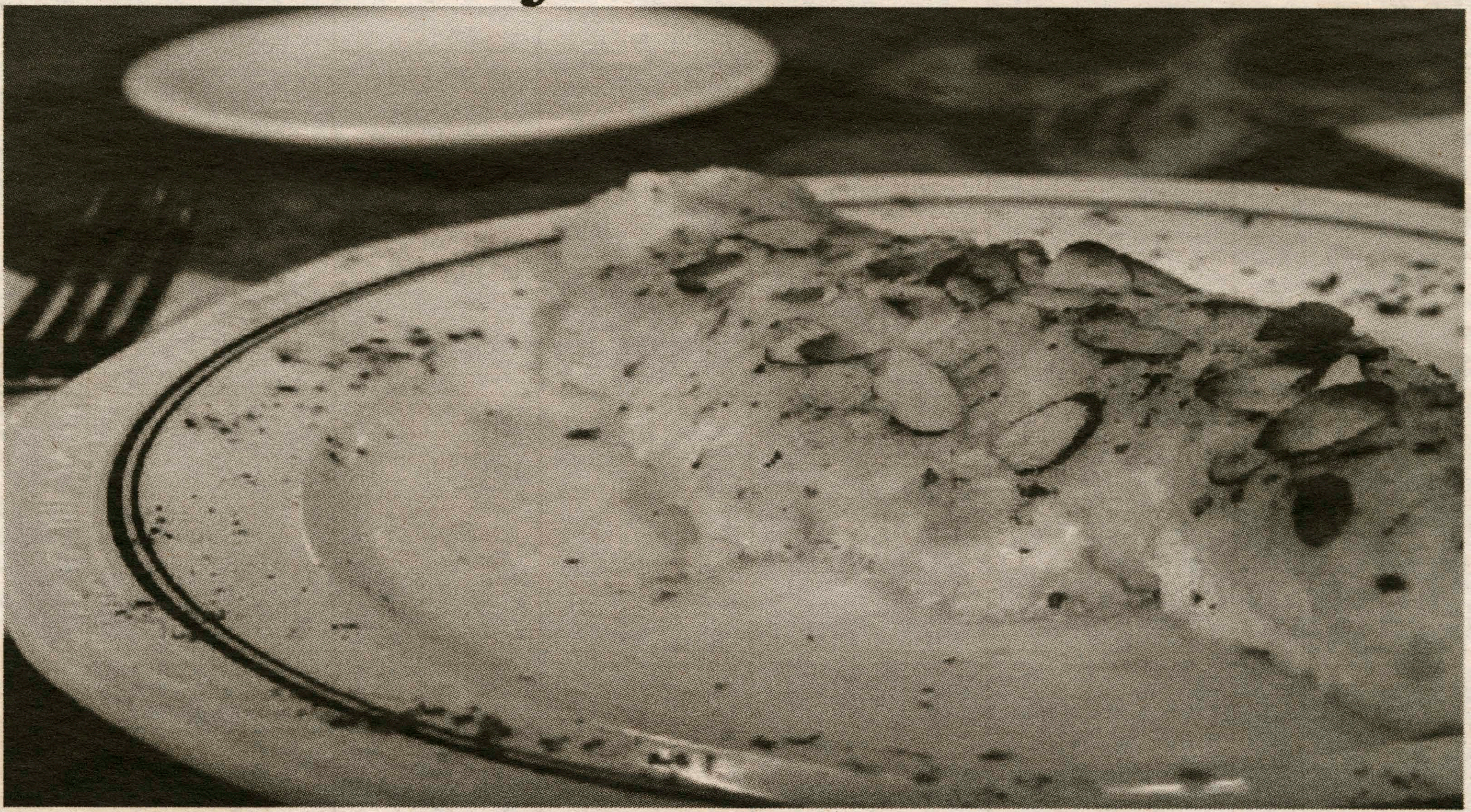

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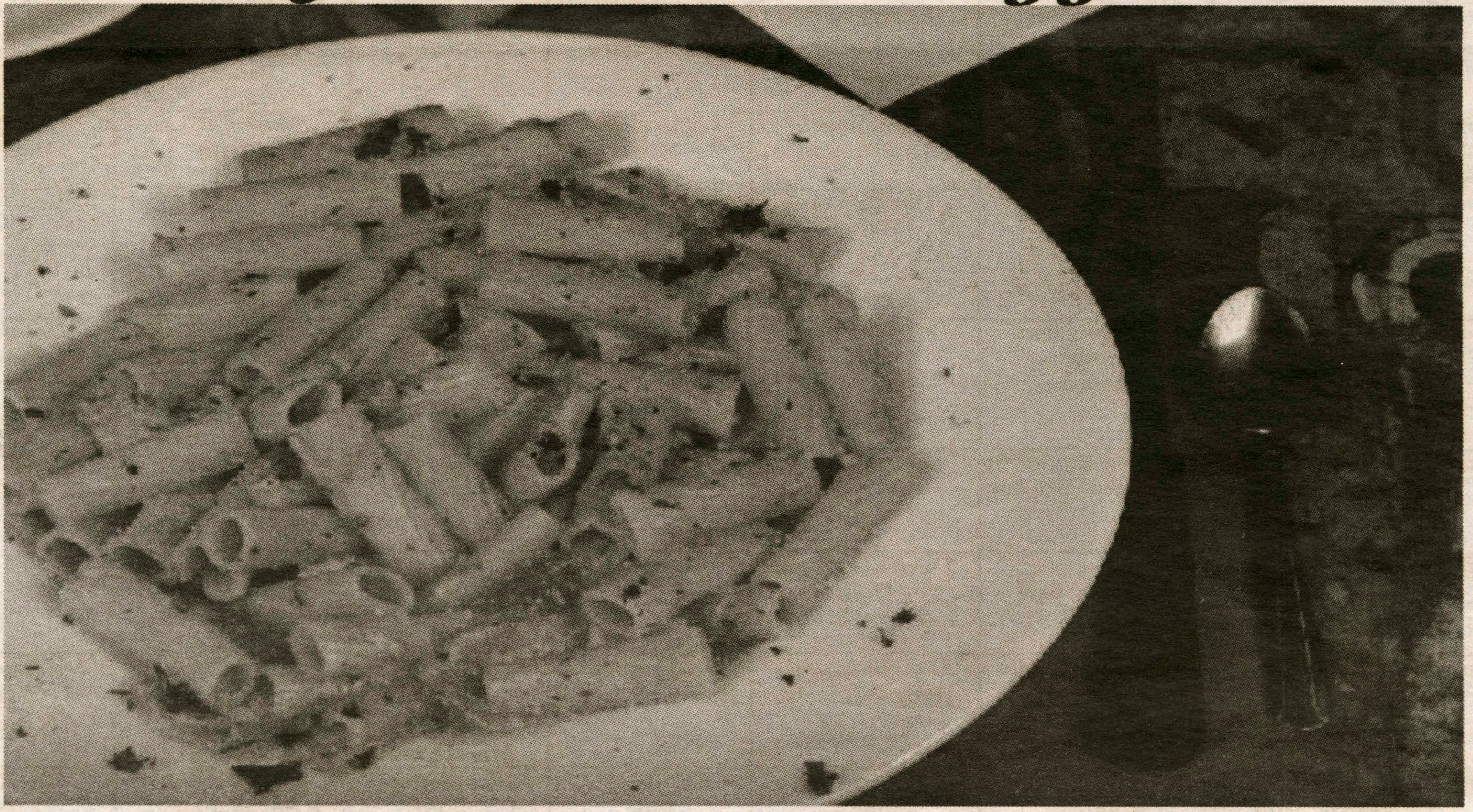

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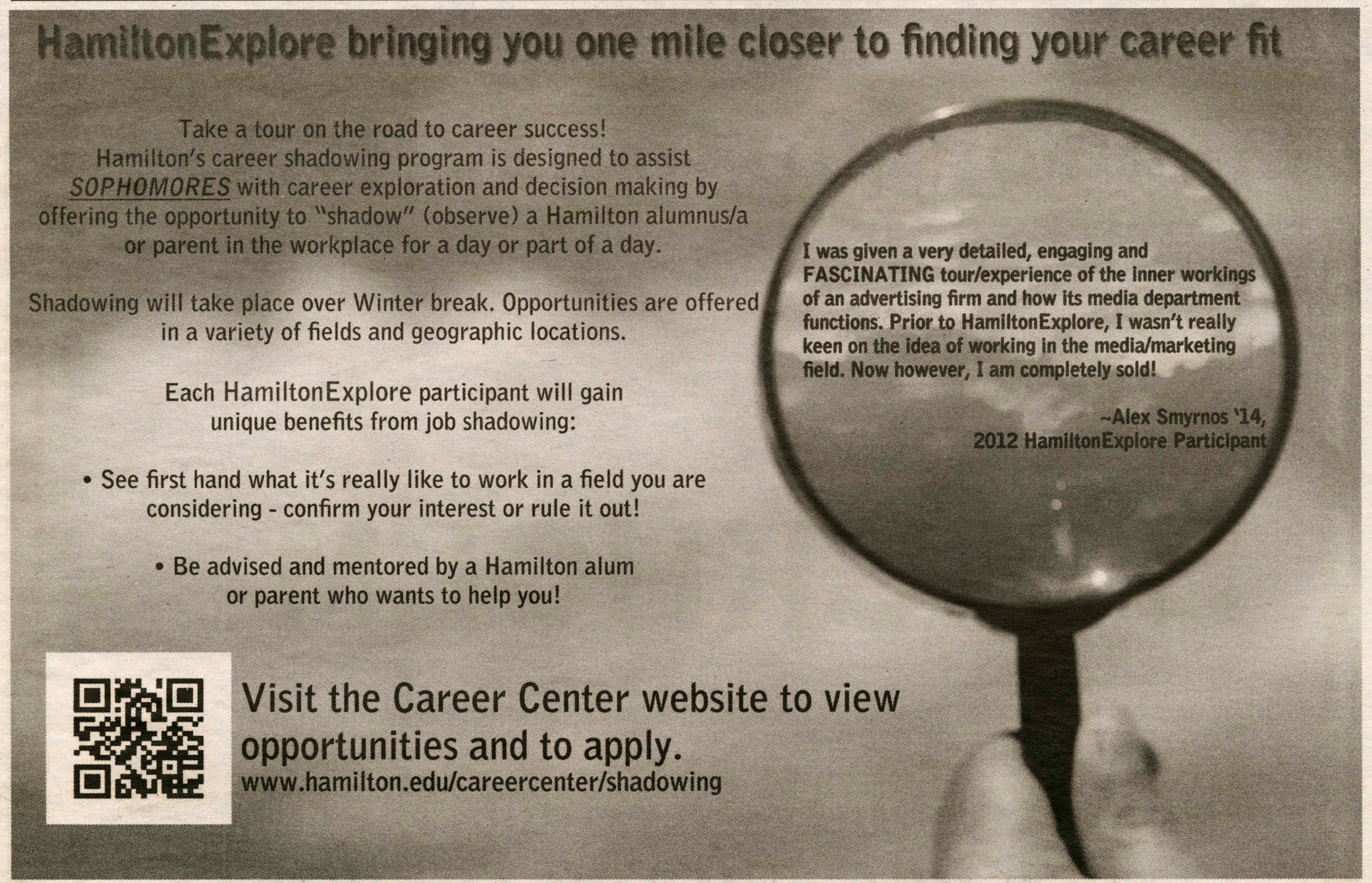

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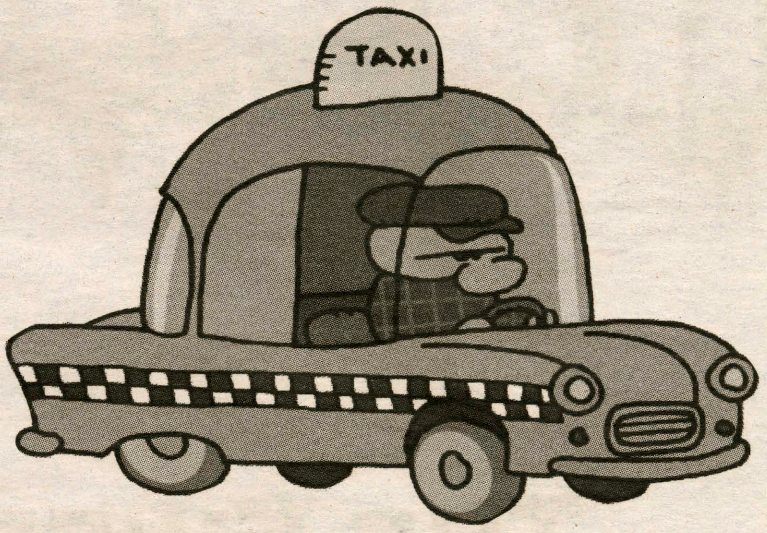

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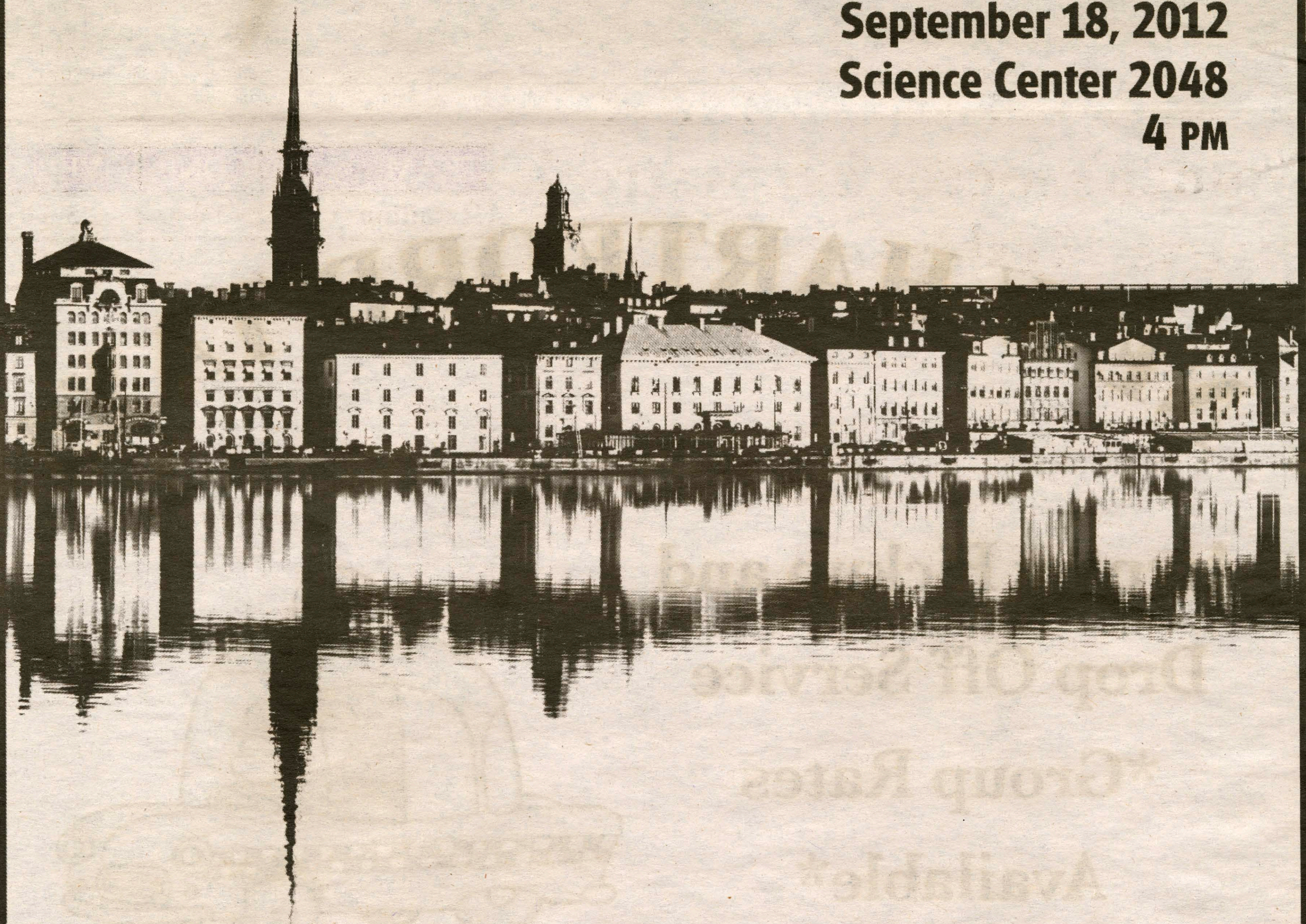

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Men's golf places 9th in Middlebury Tournament

by Kaitlin McCabe '16
Sports Contributor

On Saturday, September 15th and Sunday, September 16th, the Hamilton men's golf team endured brutal winds and weather as they competed in a difficult tournament at Middlebury's Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

Despite the challenges faced throughout the weekend due to both the competition and the natural elements, the team managed to turn the event into an overall success.

Due to the efforts of each of the team's five participants, Hamilton earned ninth place in the competition of 26 teams, with team scores of 317 and 319. Additionally, one of the team's captains, Greg Scott '14, notably received a medal by winning a one-hole playoff with an eagle three.

The weekend started slowly as the teammates adjusted to the tough setup of Ralph Myhre, a course that was brand new to three of the five Hamilton team members.

The true test, however, was in day two of the tournament, when the competing teams were forced to face brutal weather conditions.

Scott comments, "The greens were wicked firm and fast. When the wind picked up, it wreaked havoc on the field. Our scores of 317 and 319 placed us in the top half of the field in what was a bunched leaderboard…I was lucky enough to be playing my home course."

Though the poor conditions added to the complexity of the tournament, the team was able to maintain its strength. In fact, on day two, Hamilton had the seventh best team score of the day.

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Matt Yung '16 and Julian Ophals '14 finished the tournament with day scores of 77/82 and 82/82, giving them combined total of 159 points and 164 points, respectively. Chris Bousquet '16 and Carter White '14 ended right behind them, with respective day scores of 85/83 and 85/85 and total scores of 168 and 170. At the front of the team was Scott, with day scores of 73/72 and a total score of 145.

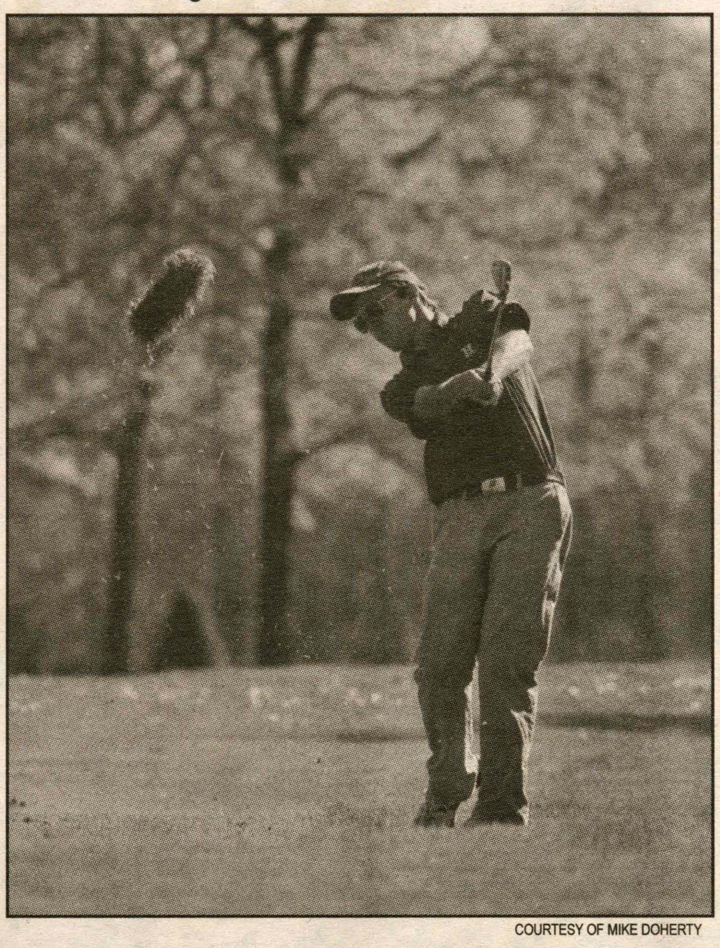
The highlight of the tournament, however, remains Scott's victory of low individual score. In his final round, the junior skillfully drove his ball into the woods and then hit, as Coach Steve Stetson describes, "a once-in-a-lifetime" 50 yard slice under and through trees 210 yards away.

Most impressively, the golf ball landed on the green approximately 12 feet away from the hole, a distance that allowed Scott to knock the putt in for an eagle and cherish a well-deserved win in front of his family, friends and teammates. This was a perfect way to end a tournament on his favorite course.

Although the weekend's tournament at Middlebury challenged the Hamilton men's golf team's abilities to the fullest extent, the team remains optimistic and confident about the members' performances at upcoming tournaments.

"We're still trying to find our form and get into a groove for the next two weeks when the competition will ramp up," Scott says. "This weekend was a good test for the next couple of weeks."

This upcoming weekend, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd and Sunday, Sept. 23rd, the team will compete in the Williams Fall Invitational on the Taconic Golf Course, where they intend to show the NESCAC rival no mercy.



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Capt. Greg Scott '14 placed a score of 145 in the tournament.

Women's soccer keeps streak alive vs. Wesleyan and Conn.

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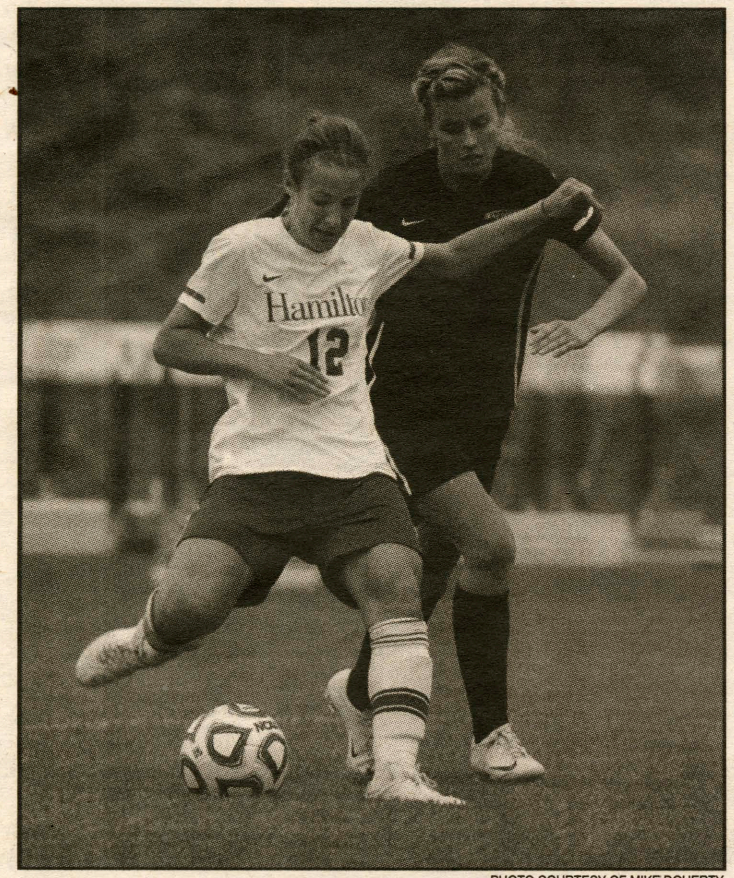
work was the star of the show. Wesleyan hoped to crush the Conts after a rough loss last season, but could not keep it together in the final minutes. With only 24 seconds left in the second round of overtime, first-year Rebecca Rees took the corner. After ricocheting off of several players on both teams, the ball landed behind the feet of captain Rimmer. With a quick pass to Withiam, the game was won.



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Alex Rimmer '13 was named NESCAC player of the week.

With Withiam winning NESCAC player of the week already once this season, it's not just the seniors making an impact. But Rimmer thinks this is what makes the team such a strong contender.

"We also have a team where the hierarchy doesn't matter and I think that allows our first-years to really step up and fill roles on the field, which they have done amazingly," she said.

With a solid performance in their NESCAC debut at 6-7-2, the Continentals decided they were ready to make a statement. In addition to recruiting talented first-years like Withiam and Reese, the women changed their attitude towards the game. They started making the 2012 season a priority when other teams were still reveling in their 2011 records.

"We actually had quite a few team meetings in the spring to discuss our goals for the season," said Rimmer. "I don't remember having these meetings in the years before. We also held our own practices about three times a week just so players could get out there and touch the ball."

In addition to working on their skills on the field, the team changed their mindset. A new positive attitude has overtaken the team, and has only been reinforced by their perfect season thus far.

"It is awesome to have the team we do because our positivity has definitely helped us out," said Rimmer. "The wins this weekend have definitely inspired us to work hard for not only ourselves but for our team too."

While the Conts are overjoyed with their success so far, they do not have any time to rest on their haunches. Hamilton has not yet faced any of the top three teams trailing them in the standing. One of these, no. 4 Amherst who is likely to be Hamilton's toughest opponent this year, sits just over the horizon.

Last year, Hamilton lost in double overtime to Amherst with only 12 seconds remaining. The As come off three straight wins, although those wins include only one meeting against a NESCAC opponent. With the new blood of a strong first-year class and the adrenaline from the season thus far, Hamilton hopes it will be enough to overcome.

In the words of Rimmer, "I have no doubt that we will continue to grow together as a team and overcome the difficult fixtures we lost last year. I have no doubt that we will continue to grow together as a team and overcome the difficult fixtures we lost last year."

TEAM	CONF.	OVERALL
Hamilton	**3-0-0**	**5-0-0**
Bowdoin	2-0-0	4-0-0
Middlebury	2-0-0	4-0-0
Williams	2-0-0	2-2-0
Amherst	1-0-0	3-0-0
Colby	1-1-0	3-1-0
Wesleyan	1-2-0	2-2-1
Bates	1-3-0	1-3-0
Conn. College	0-2-0	0-2-1
Trinity	0-3-0	1-3-0
Tufts	0-2-0	1-2-1

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Rugby pushes through mixed start to season

PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH COMATOS '15

Above, teammates lift Captain Izzy Janzen '14 in a line out against Cortland. At right, Janzen advances down the field with the ball.

by Alex Orlov '13
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Last Saturday the women's rugby team put up an impressive fight against a strong team from SUNY Cortland. The final score, 19-31, did not reflect the drive and enthusiasm of the Hamilton women, who gained serious momentum in the second half of the game.

Students, men's and women's rugby players, moms, dads, grandmothers and dogs crowded the sidelines of Minor Field on a beautiful September afternoon. The Buff and Blue got off to a rough start when SUNY Cortland scored a try within the first five minutes of the game. Despite excellent tackles, scrums and runs, the Hamilton women did not manage to score during the first half.

Hamilton played a fast game, but the larger size of the Cortland women seemed to be an obstacle that the equally athletic but smaller Continentals could not surpass.

After half-time, Hamilton lit up their side of the scoreboard. Kristen Insardi '14 scored a try on a breakaway run just six minutes into the second half.

Sprinting over half the field towards the try area, she faked out SUNY Cortland players who fell left and right while attempting to take her down. Insardi's try revived the Hamilton team, and Hannah Nekoroski '15 and Izzy Janzen '14 scored tries soon after.

"The Cortland game was tough," said Janzen, the pack captain for the team. "We took too long to get our momentum and by the time we were playing our strong and solid Hamilton rugby we didn't have enough time to secure the win. It was a hard fought game and fun to play, despite the loss."

During the team's home opener on Sept. 9, Hamilton crushed Colgate, 33-5.

According to Janzen, the Hamilton team has a lot of highly motivated returning players in addition to new players who have already shown great potential and dedication to improving their play on the field.

> "We have a lot of things to work on but we're also doing a lot of things well and I'm pumped to see how we do in our new league this season."
> *—Izzy Janzen '14*

"We have a lot of things to work on but we're also doing a lot of things well and I'm pumped to see how we do in our new league this season," said Janzen. Since the New York State Rugby Conference for Division I dissolved last year, Hamilton women's rugby will transition into the Excelsior Women's Rugby League in 2012.

Catch the team in action on Saturday, Sept. 29, when the Hamilton women host Sienna at 1 p.m on Minor Field.

Women's soccer tops NESCAC with 5-0 start to 2012 season

by Caitlin O'Connor '14
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Just over a third of the way through their season, women's soccer is already proving themselves as one of the top teams in the NESCAC. Despite being a newly-minted team in the conference—this season being only their second year—the Continentals sit atop the standings with a 5-0 record. Not since 2008 has the team opened with five straight wins.

PHOTO BY FELICIA TSAO '16

Freeman '16 pursues the ball in a game vs. Cortland.

Besides leading as a team, the women are also posting impressive personal stats in the conference. Hamilton women make up three of the top five scorers and point-earners in the NESCAC, with first-year Hannah Withiam leading both boards. This past weekend, Alex Rimmer '13 managed to become third in Hamilton's all-time scoring list with 32 career goals as Hamilton won 2-1 versus Connecticut College, handing Head Coach Colette Gilligan her 100th career win.

The big story this year is not just Hamilton's record, but whom they have earned it against. In addition to defeating two SUNY competitors, the Continentals have overcome three of their conference rivals.

The win against Trinity came in the second period of overtime by standout Withiam. Next up Connecticut College, who wasn't able to stand up to the heat of Rimmer, whose feet were behind both of the Continentals' goals.

In their most recent conference win, the Hamilton women's synergy and team

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